

**4/9 to 4/23 – FEDERAL COURT ACTIVITY**  
**United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana**

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**Hammond, Indiana** - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

**4/19 ALLEGED MEMBER OF ALMIGHTY LATIN KINGS AND QUEEN NATION CHARGED WITH RACKETEERING  
CONSPIRACY INVOLVING MULTIPLE MURDERS**

A second superseding indictment returned today by the federal grand jury in Hammond charges Ivan Quiroz, 29, of Posen, Ill., with conspiracy to engage in a racketeering activity. Previously charged in the conspiracy are: Alexander Vargas, 33, of Highland, Indiana, Sisto Bernal, 44, Jason Ortiz, 27, Brandon Clay, 23, and Martin Anaya, 40, all of Chicago, Illinois.

Quiroz is charged also in the second superseding indictment with two counts of murder and two counts of using and carrying a firearm to commit murder during and in relation to a crime of violence.

The second superseding indictment specifically alleges that Quiroz participated with Vargas, Ortiz, Clay and other Latin King members in the murder of rival gang members James Walsh and Gonzalo Diaz outside of a bar in Griffith, Indiana, in the early morning of Feb. 25, 2007. The superseding indictment also alleges that Ortiz, Clay and Anaya participated in the murder of Christiana Campos on April 22, 2009. In addition to the violent crimes, the superseding indictment alleges that the Latin Kings also distributed more than 150 kilograms of cocaine and 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

According to the second superseding indictment, the Latin Kings is a nationwide gang that originated in Chicago and has branches throughout the United States. The Latin Kings is a well organized street gang that has specific leadership and is comprised of regions that include multiple chapters. The Latin Kings enforces its rules and promotes discipline among its members, prospects and associates through murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to murder, assault, and threats against those who violate the rules or pose a threat to the Latin Kings.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations; the National Gang Targeting, Enforcement & Coordination Center; the National Gang Intelligence Center; the Chicago Police Department, the Griffith Police Department; the Highland Police Department; the Hammond Police Department; and the Houston Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick, and Trial Attorney Joseph A. Cooley of the Department of Justice Criminal Division's Gang Unit.

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Adnan Shatat, 56, of Crown Point, Indiana, Allah Shatat, 32, of Tinley Park, Illinois, and Roshdi Shatat, 26, of Whiting, Indiana, were each charged in an indictment with five counts of wire fraud. The defendants, doing business as Blue Ribbon Restaurant and Mini Mart, are alleged to have transmitted by wire communication money into their business bank account from the redemption of funds on Electronic Benefit Transfer cards by claiming that Blue Ribbon Restaurant and Mini Mart was entitled to reimbursements for food stamp benefits redeemed, when in fact, the defendants were trading cash for food stamp benefit redemptions. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Diane Berkowitz.

Clinton Shoemaker, 30, of Crown Point, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Shoemaker has a previous felony conviction for burglary in 2000. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force, and the Lake County Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

James Donald, 23, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. Donald has a previous felony conviction for receiving stolen property. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Raynell Vaxter, 50, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Gary Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Manuel Morell, 47, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 7/14/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Juan Carlos Torres, 27, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 24 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count two of an indictment charging him with distribution of marijuana in the case *US v Flores et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Laquishea Rogers, 26, of Merrillville, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to counts one and two of an indictment charging her with making false statements on a loan application. Sentencing has been set for 7/13/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

Matthew Johnson, 32, of Crown Point, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to two years of probation with home detention of 6 months, and restitution in the amount of \$15,957.00 after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with theft of government property. This case was the result of an investigation by the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

Thomas Wenzel, 32, of Portage, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 100 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to one count of an indictment charging him with possession of Pseudoephedrine to manufacture Methamphetamine. This case was the result of an

investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Sean Russell, 31, of Valparaiso, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with the bank robbery of Harris Bank in Valparaiso, and assault with a deadly weapon. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Dereck Gray II, 30, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 3 years probation, during which Gray will serve 6 months of home detention, and 100 hours of community service after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Jeremiah Williams, 30, of East Chicago, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to two years probation and home detention of 6 months after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Michael Cokes, Jr., 21, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count one of an indictment charging him with passing counterfeited obligations of the United States, being \$100.00 Federal Reserve Notes. Sentencing has been set for 7/14/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Stewart.

Angel Gonzalez, 23, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 2 years probation, including 8 months of home detention, after pleading guilty to count 24 of an indictment charging him with use of a communications facility to distribute narcotics in the case *US v Lopez et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Robyn Fidone, 42, of Kouts, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 1 day )time served( imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release with 6 months of home detention, and 100 hours of community service, after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging her with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Edmond Coutee, 30, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Coutee has prior felony convictions for arson and possession of cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 7/19/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Jose Vargas Rodriguez, 38, of Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 87 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count two of an indictment charging him with distribution of methamphetamine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Sammy Earl Jones, 27, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 4.5 months, with time imprisonment and years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count of an indictment charging with time considered served, and no supervision to follow after pleading guilty to stealing a Raven RX Recorder worth approximately \$9000.00 from the United States. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal

Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Jose Camacho, 53, of East Chicago, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 30 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after being found guilty at trial of counts one and two of an indictment charging him with conspiracy commit theft of federal program funds, and theft of federal program funds. Camacho was ordered to pay \$14,405 in restitution, and a \$50,000 fine. He was ordered to report to the Bureau of Prisons on May 16, 2011 to begin serving his sentence. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, and the United States Department of Labor-Office of the Inspector General. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Nozick and Gary Bell.

Isaias Madrigal-Martinez, 56, of East Chicago, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 41 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with reentry of a deported alien. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Collins.

Robin King, 49, of Kouts, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 15 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with possession of 100 or more marijuana plants with the intent to manufacture and distribute marijuana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Ellis Bryant, 51, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to months imprisonment and years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count eleven of a superseding indictment charging him with using a communication facility )telephone( in a conspiracy to distribute marijuana in the case *US v Crawford et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Samuel Carranza, 54, of Lansing, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count 28 of a second superseding indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana in the case *US v Crawford et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Thomas Wenzel, 32, of Portage, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to months imprisonment and years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count of an indictment charging with. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Jeremy Joseph, 34, of Goodland, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to three years of probation after pleading guilty to count of an Information charging him with conspiracy to distribute marijuana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Calvin Murray, 22, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 46 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a

felon in possession of a firearm. Murray was previously convicted of the felony offenses of burglary and auto theft. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Ellis Bryant, 51, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 1 year of probation after pleading guilty to count eleven of a superseding indictment charging him with use of a communication facility to distribute marijuana in the case *US v Crawford et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Jairo Fernando-Valdez, 30, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before to count of an indictment charging with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Obed Ornelas, 28, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before to count of an indictment charging with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana in the case *US v Fernando-Valdez et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Dwayne Crawford, 38, of Merrillville, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of a second superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and distribute 100 kilograms of more of marijuana, and possession with the intent to distribute and distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. Crawford also pled guilty to Count 49 of the Second Superseding Indictment, charging him with engaging in a monetary transaction with criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

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***Hammond, Indiana—The United States Attorney's Office announced the following indictment was returned on April 7, 2011 and unsealed on 4/14/2011:***

John Smith, 41, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Terry Carlyle, 54, of Mooresville, Indiana, were each charged by indictment with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, two counts of attempting to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, and two counts of possessing firearms in furtherance of a federal drug trafficking crime. In addition, Smith was charged by indictment with one count of transferring firearms knowing that they would be used in a drug trafficking crime, and a third count of possessing firearms in furtherance of a federal drug trafficking crime.

Terry Carlyle is the former Marshal of the Brooklyn, Indiana Police Department, and was formerly employed as a police officer with the Indianapolis Police Department. John Smith was formerly employed as a police officer with the Brooklyn Indiana Police Department, the Knightstown, Indiana Police Department and the Stinesville, Indiana Police Department.

The indictment also contains a forfeiture allegation in which the United States is seeking any property or proceeds derived directly or indirectly from these offenses if the defendants are convicted, including; cash in the

amount of \$11,500; a 2005 Ford Expedition; a 2006 Chevrolet Trail Blazer; and funds on deposit in an account located at the Indiana Members Credit Union.

Smith and Carlyle had an initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich this afternoon. Both were remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal's Service. An arraignment/detention hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2011 at 2:30 PM before Judge Rodovich.

These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Indianapolis Field Office, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the Indiana State Police, with the assistance of the ATF Chicago Field Office, the ATF Merrillville Field Office, the ATF HIDTA Task Force, the Gary Police Department, the Hammond Police Department, the East Chicago Police Department, and the Lake County Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Nozick and Gary Bell.

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#### **South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced:**

Darryl Jackson, 42, of LaPorte, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an Information charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. Sentencing has been set for 7/7/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

James Followel, 41, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Jon DeGuilio to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana and being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. Followel waived a trial by jury in favor of a bench trial on count three of the indictment charging him with possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Gary Peterson, 51, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 7/28/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Brendan Blue, 20, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 27 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

William Pope, 43, of Logansport, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with failure to register as a sex offender. Sentencing has been set for 6/30/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Marshal's Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

#### **4-14-2011 SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT RETURNED IN THEFT OF UNION FUNDS CASE**

South Bend, Indiana—The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Loren Hanson, 68 of Placitas, New Mexico, the president of United Steelworkers Local 1011 from 2003 through 2009, was charged in a superseding indictment with one count of conspiracy to embezzle union funds, and two counts of theft of union funds. Jesse Daniels, Sr., 69, of Chicago, Illinois, who was previously charged with one count of theft of union funds from United Steelworkers Local 1011, is charged in the superseding indictment with an additional count of conspiracy to embezzle union funds, and one additional count of theft of union funds.

Hanson and Daniels, the financial secretary of Local 1011 from 1994 through 2009, worked at the Arcelor Mittal steel mill in East Chicago. Beginning in 2005, Hanson's union pay was \$550 per month and Daniels' union pay was \$500 per month. This was established by a pay schedule signed by Hanson and presented to the union membership for approval in 2005. Despite this pay schedule, Hanson directed at least one other union employee to issue himself and Daniels two paychecks per month in this amount, rather than the one paycheck to which each was entitled. Hanson received about \$21,450 to which he was not entitled, and Daniels received about \$19,500 to which he was not entitled. The union members were never informed of these overpayments and they were never approved by the union, even though the funds for the overpayments came from union members' dues.

These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the *United States* Department of Labor - Office of the Inspector General, and the Department of Labor - Office of Labor-Management Standards. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jesse Barrett.

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#### **Fort Wayne, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:**

Kenyetta Starks, 22, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to one year of probation after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with making false statements in the purchase of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.

Paris Jones, 39, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with aiding and abetting a conspiracy to distribute cocaine in the case *US v Hutchins et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller and Tina Nommay.

Jamarcus Cooper, 27, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Cooper has previous felony convictions for receiving stolen auto parts, and resisting law enforcement. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Fort Wayne Police Department Gang Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.

Jonathan Davis, 20, of Delta, Ohio, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 46 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count two of an indictment charging him with robbery of a controlled substance. Davis was also ordered to pay \$22,247.55 in restitution. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ligonier Police Department, and the Allen County Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lesley Miller Lowery.

Jack E. Smith, Jr., 38, of Plymouth, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of child pornography. Sentencing has been set for 7/25/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Sydney Bolden, 30, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count four of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 7/28/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Schuyler Griffin, 23, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of cocaine base. Sentencing has been set for 7/21/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Lucas Terry, 31, of Mishawaka, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an Information charging him with distribution of marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 7/26/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Joseph Sloma, 32, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to two years probation and restitution of \$25,633.00 to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with theft of government property. This case was the result of an investigation by the US Department of Labor-Office of Labor Management Standards. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

Joseph Campbell, 36, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to counts one through eight of an indictment charging him with bank robbery by force or violence, and to counts one through four of a second indictment charging him with bank robbery by force of violence. In his plea agreement, Campbell agreed to make restitution to the victims of his offense, to-wit: The National City Bank in Laporte, Indiana, First Source Bank in Plymouth, Indiana, First Source Bank in Valparaiso, Indiana, Chase Bank in Chesterton, Indiana, First Source Bank in Hebron, Indiana, Fifth Third Bank in Rensselaer, Indiana, Lake City Bank in Warsaw, Indiana, Centier Bank in Valparaiso, Indiana, Century Bank and Trust in Coldwater, Michigan, Bank of America in Paw Paw, Michigan, Peoples Federal Savings Bank in Schoolcraft, Michigan and Fifth Third Bank in Plainwell, Michigan. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Mark Culp, 39, of Monticello, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 3 years probation, with four months of home detention and restitution of \$23,901.00 after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with theft of government property. This case was the result of an investigation by the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

William Sheperd, 20, of Mishawaka, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to count one of an indictment charging with possession of child pornography. Sentencing has been set for 7/27/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

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